

# Minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Tarrawonga Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee

**Meeting Held:** 4<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at 10:00am

**Venue:** Tarrawonga Coal Mine, Training Room

## 1.0 Present and Apologies

**Present:** Clr Ken Bates (Narrabri Shire Rep), Chairman  
Mr Danny Young (Environmental Manager)  
Mr Bart Crosby (Community Rep)  
Mr Peter Laird (Community Rep)  
Mr Tim Muldoon (Community Liaison Officer)  
Mr Sandy Bull (Community Rep)

**Apologies:** Mr Jason Conomos (Project Manager)  
Mr Bob McGregor (Community Rep)  
Ms Jill Scealy (Environmental Officer)  
Clr Colleen Fuller (Gunnedah Shire Rep)

## 2.0 Previous Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as a true record on the motion of Sandy Bull and Bart Crosby.

## 3.0 Business Arising

- 3.1 Ken Bates advised that the fight continues with regard to the royalties for regions campaign, and that there has been general disappointment with the Coalition governments proposed \$40m/year over four years. The matter will continue to be discussed and progressed through the Mining Related Councils.
- 3.2 John Molloy from Toll was not present at the meeting so unable to obtain update from John on the trial of longer shifts for Toll drivers. John will be invited to attend the next CCC meeting to provide an update to the committee. Sandy Bull raised the matter of other trucks (not Toll) using exhaust brakes at the corner of the haul road and Manilla Road, particularly those at 12 and 2am in the morning. It was not known if these trucks were related to Tarrawonga operations or not. Danny to investigate general timing of fuel deliveries to Tarrawonga to determine if it could be fuel trucks.
- 3.3 Ken Bates advised that he had received a response from the RTA following the CCC letter outlining concerns in relation to the design and traffic dangers associated with the Kamilaroi Highway and intersections off Blue Vale Road and into the CHPP. The RTA advised that the upgrade undertaken was to required RTA standard, but they would consider the concerns raised. No timeframe was given on a response.

- 3.4 Ken Bates advised that some works had been done in the area on unsealed roads by NSC since the committee's letter. Bart Crosby advised that they did not do anything with the worst section of Manilla Road and that it required urgent attention. It was moved by Bart Crosby and seconded by Sandy Bull that a further letter issue to Council on this matter. Danny asked if there was any response from Council on the installation of speed signs on the road. Ken Bates advised that it had not been raised but would be in subsequent communications.
- 3.5 The newsletter has been issued to surrounding landholders. Danny advised that he had only received one call in relation to the identified bore census. The committee members indicated that they had not received any comment or questions.
- 3.6 The special CCC meeting was held presenting the Tarrawonga extension proposal. A subsequent field investigation was also undertaken by Bob McGregor, Bart Crosby and Ken Bates with Danny Young, Lindsay Gilbert (Gilbert & Associates) and Sean Konings (Gilbert & Associates) to understand surface water flow paths and drainage in the area. Bart and Ken indicated that they felt the field survey was well worthwhile and that it was pleasing the information provided on the day has been considered and incorporated into a drainage plan that will be a component of the Environmental Assessment for the project.
- 3.7 Danny confirmed that the matter of lighting plants had been discussed with the Project Manager and OCE's. Both Bart and Sandy indicated that they had noticed an improvement in light positioning.

## **4.0 General Business**

### **4.1 Mine Progress Report**

In the absence of Project Manager, Jason Conomos, Danny Young reported February – April 2011 production results as follows:

4.46 million BCM overburden removed  
274,000 tonnes of coal recovered

The rehabilitation status remains unchanged since the last meeting because of the increasing height of the waste emplacement as per the 2010 modification approval.

## 4.2 Environmental Monitoring Report

Danny Young presented the environmental monitoring results which are attached in the Environmental Monitoring Report.

## 5.0 New Business

- 5.1 Bart Crosby asked about the groundwater investigation program and whether it included shallow monitoring bores to address the issue of shallow groundwater which is of paramount importance to surrounding landholders. Danny indicated that this matter would be discussed with the groundwater consultants to ensure it is considered in the assessment and investigation program.
- 5.2 Peter Laird raised the issue of the "Willeroi" property recently purchased by Whitehaven and indicated it was of historical significance as it is believed there may be grave sites on the property. Danny Young advised that Whitehaven had no intention of disturbance on the property as it was for offset purposes. Danny also asked if Peter could obtain any information in relation to the location of grave sites so the matter could be appropriately investigated.
- 5.3 It was raised that Toll trucks were dirty again to the point that it was impossible to identify the truck by their truck number. Danny advised that the matter would be addressed with Toll.
- 5.4 Ken Bates raised the prospect of holding a joint committee meeting with Boggabri Coal, at least once per year, in order for the committee to understand and discuss matters pertinent to both operations, including cumulative impacts. Ken to discuss option with Boggabri Coal.

## 6.0 Complaints

Complaints were discussed in the Environmental Monitoring Report.

## 7.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the Tarrawonga Coal Mine Training Room on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2011 at 10:00am.

Meeting closed at 11:25 am.

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Ken Bates - Chairman